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LAW AND THE GOSPEL

Deut. 26:16-19

Chief cause of religious division is ignorance of Bible.

Chief cause of ignorance is difference in God's laws.

INT: Proper understanding includes: time written, place, whom written to and the purpose of the law.

Study God's various laws in relation to us today.

I. GOD'S ANCIENT LAWS.

- A. First law to man. Keep garden. Gen. 2:15. Binding on us.
- B. Second law. Eat not the forbidden fruit. Gen. 2:16.
- C. Third law. Law of matrimony. Genesis 2:24.
- D. Patriarchal law given to Noah, Abram, Isaac and Jacob.
 1. Eating of blood forbidden. Gen. 9:4. Simple code.
 2. Murderer punished with death. Gen. 9:6 / Gen. 22:13
 3. Worship-simple alter ceremony with animal sacrifice.
 4. Great promise made to Abraham. Not law. Gen. 12:1-3.
- E. Law of Moses given after the Egyptian bondage.
 1. Passover feast a Jewish law. Ex. 13:9. Not binding now.
 2. Ten Commandments given at Sinai to Moses. Ex. 20:1-17
 3. Host of other laws and ordinances given. Col. 2:14
- F. Laws for the Tabernacle worship given Moses. Ex. 25
 1. God to dwell in the Most Holy Place. vs. 8
 2. Priests ordained to execute the worship. 28:1-2
 3. Animals sacrificed for sins as their worship. 29
 4. Incense burned every morning and evening. 30:7-8.
 5. Tabernacle laws continued into the temple worship.

II. GOD'S NEW LAW.

- A. Law of grace and truth. John 1:17. Romans 6:14.
- B. Moses' law served its purpose. Matt. 17:1-5.
- C. God speaks to us only through His Son now. Heb. 1:1-2.
- D. This makes Christ and Moses agree perfectly. Deut. 18:15

III. LAW OF MOSES AND LAW OF CHRIST COMPARED AND CONTRASTED.

- A. Contents of either.
 1. O. T. 39 books. Origin, History, Early law to Jews.
 2. N. T. 27 books. Christ, Church, Gospel law.
- B. Who was responsible for either.
 1. Moses the Old Law giver. John 1:17.
 2. Christ the New Law giver. Matt. 5:17-18.
- C. How long each to last?
 1. Law a schoolmaster till Seed should come. Gal. 3:24-25
 2. Gospel to last to end of world. I Pet. 1:23.
- D. To whom were these laws to apply.
 1. Moses law to all Jews before Christ came. Rom. 2:14.
 2. Christ law, the gospel, for all. Romans 1:16.

E. Worship under either system.

1. Tabernacle and Temple-Moses-Ceremonies, feasts etc.
2. Under Christ simple church worship. Acts 2:42.

F. Purpose of the two laws.

1. Moses' law to lead Jews to Christ. Gal. 3:24.
2. Christ's law leads all men to salvation. John 14:6.

G. Relation of either to eternal salvation.

1. Law rolled sins forward one year. Heb. 10:3-4.
2. Sins forever forgiven through Christ. Heb. 10:14-20.

IV. SOME PERTINENT QUESTIONS ON THE LAWS.

A. If we observe any O. T. law why not all of them?

1. III. Animal sacrifices as well as instrumental music.

B. If Moses directed us to hear Christ, why do we insist on following him? Deut. 18:15. III. Tithing.

C. If Moses law lost its purpose when Christ gave the new law, why do some still observe some of the old?

D. If the Old Law cannot save and the New Law is the only one which can, which should we follow?

INV. Many honest people still seek to serve God through both new and old laws. Confusing, discouraging, contradicting. Man cannot name one O. T. law necessary for salvation now. Christ said: Mk. 16:15-16. Lk. 13:3 Matt. 10:32.

Erring: Life more a disgrace to church than a blessing?

If so, time to repent and pray for forgiveness.